

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-14 (cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a hybrid grid applicable to a heterogeneous medium-reservoir crossed by at least one geometric discontinuity of known geometry, in order to form a model representative of fluid flows in the medium-reservoir in accordance with a defined numerical pattern, a structure of the medium-reservoir being known a priori from available data acquired through in-situ measurements, analyses and/or interpretations of seismic images of the medium reservoir, comprising:

forming ~~a hybrid grid including at least one first structured grid at least one first structured grid~~ for gridding of at least one part of the medium reservoir;

forming at least one second structured grid for gridding of another part of the medium reservoir comprising the discontinuity;

forming at least one cavity between the at least one first structured grid and each of the at least one second structured grid with a sufficient size to allow formation of at least one unstructured grip providing transition between the structured grids; and

forming each unstructured grid which provides transition by ~~means use~~ of a power diagram and by imposing conformity of each unstructured grid providing the transition with walls of each cavity; and

generating the hybrid grid by combination of the at least one first structured grid, the at least one second structured grid and the at least one unstructured transition grid.

16. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein:

the at least one geometric discontinuity is a pipe or a well of known geometry crossing the ~~medium reservoir~~, and a radial type grid is formed around each well or pipe, each cavity being defined around each second structured radial grid by deactivating grid cells of the at least one first structured grid.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein:

the at least one geometric discontinuity is a fracture or a fault crossing the heterogeneous medium reservoir and a the at least one first structured grid and a the at least one second structured grid are formed in parts of the heterogeneous medium reservoir, on either side of each fracture, by considering ~~the discontinuities thereof~~, each cavity including a unstructured transition grid formed by deactivating grid cells of the at least one first and second structured grids, on either side of each fracture.

18. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein:

the at least one geometric discontinuity is a fracture or a fault crossing the heterogeneous ~~medium-reservoir~~ and ~~a~~ the at least one first structured grid and ~~a~~ the at least one second structured grid are formed in parts of the heterogeneous ~~medium-reservoir~~, on either side of each fracture, by considering ~~the~~ discontinuities thereof, each cavity including a unstructured transition grid formed by deactivating grid cells of the at least one first and second structured grids, on either side of each fracture.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 15, comprising:

imposing polygonal edges forming of walls of each cavity to be edges of a Delaunay type triangulation.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 16, comprising:

imposing polygonal edges forming the walls of each cavity to be edges of a Delaunay type triangulation.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 17, comprising:

imposing polygonal edges forming the walls of each cavity to be edges of a Delaunay type triangulation.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 18, comprising:

imposing polygonal edges forming the walls of each cavity to be edges of a Delaunay type triangulation.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of simulating, in accordance with a defined numerical pattern, evolution of a process in a heterogeneous ~~medium~~ reservoir crossed by at least one geometric discontinuity of known geometry, ~~a~~ structure of the ~~medium-reservoir~~ being known a priori from available data acquired through in-situ measurements, analyses and/or interpretations of seismic images of the ~~medium~~ reservoir, comprising:

~~forming a hybrid grid including at least one first structured grid at least one~~  
first structured grid for gridding of at least one part of the ~~medium~~ reservoir;

forming at least one second structured grid for gridding of another part of the ~~medium~~ reservoir comprising the discontinuity;

forming at least one cavity between the at least one first structured grid and each of the at least one second structured grid with a sufficient size to allow formation of at least one unstructured grip providing transition between the structured grids;

~~forming the at least each one unstructured grid providing which provides~~  
transition by ~~using~~ use of a power diagrams and imposing conformity of each unstructured grid providing the transition with walls of each cavity; and

~~generating the hybrid grid by combination of the at least one first structured~~  
grid, the at least one second structured grid and the at least one unstructured  
transition grid; and

solving ~~the a~~ numerical pattern in the hybrid grid formed for the medium.

24. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein:  
each first structured grid is a non-regular grid, of CPG type.
25. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein:  
each first structured grid is a non-regular grid, of CPG type.
26. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein:  
each first structured grid is a non-regular grid, of CPG type.
27. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein:  
each first structured grid is a non-regular grid, of CPG type.
28. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein:  
each first structured grid is a non-regular grid, of CPG type.
29. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein:  
each first structured grid is a non-regular grid, of CPG type.
30. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein:  
each first structured grid is a non-regular grid, of CPG type.
31. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein:  
each first structured grid is a non-regular grid, of CPG type.

32. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein:  
each first structured grid is a non-regular grid, of CPG type.
33. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 23, wherein:  
the evolution of the process involves fluid flows.
34. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 24, wherein:  
the evolution of the process involves fluid flows.

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